

1 ***Regular Minutes for January 19, 2005***

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3 *A Special/Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen*
4 *County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at*
5 *7:35pm*
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7 ***Council Present:*** Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Heveran,
8 Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo Councilman Ryan,
9 Council President Trachtenberg
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11 ***Council Absent:*** Councilwoman Dwarica
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13 ***Also Present:*** Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney,
14 Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator
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16 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.
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18 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Trachtenberg
19 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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21 1. Certificates of Appreciation where handed out to various Community members
22 and businesses in Leonia.
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24 A letter of Commendation was presented to Officer David Stein for instituting a new Fire
25 Arms Training Program. The Letter was read by Council President Trachtenberg.
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27 A presentation was made by Dr. William Stafford, 178 Sylvan Avenue, on the program
28 founded in memory of his wife. He requested the Council approve the Endorsing
29 Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Tom Toronto also spoke on
30 behalf of Dr. Stafford. Councilman Puzzo asked about the members of the Board of
31 Directors. Dr. Stafford explained who each member was. A motion was made by
32 Councilman Puzzo to approve Resolution 05-53 seconded by Councilman Ryan. Roll
33 Call vote Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan, Trachtenberg voted yes.
34 Resolution approved.
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36 Mary Ellen Tucker, John Kendrick and Henning Schulzrinne of the Website Committee
37 brought the Governing Body up to date on the progress being made by the Committee.
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39 2. **Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2005.** Council President
40 Trachtenberg made the following corrections; line 235 Mayor Cherchi was
41 spelled incorrectly, line 252 Gaetjens was spelled incorrectly, line 255 Perino
42 was spelled incorrectly. Councilwoman Mitrani inquired about Ok Kyung
43 Ahn as Mayor's Liaison to the Merchants Association. Councilwoman
44 Heveran made the following corrections; page 5 line 219 Borough Auditor
45 page 7 line 297 Mr. Pacicco those not being reappointed should have been
46 told prior to the meeting that they were not being reappointed to Boards,

1 Committees or Commissions. Mayor Cherchi requested that after Robert Leap
2 put unexpired in parenthesis. A motion was made by Council President
3 Trachtenberg seconded by Councilman Puzzo. Roll Call Vote:
4 Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted yes
5 minutes approved as corrected.
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7 3. **Reports**

8 **Finance and Personnel** Councilwoman Mitrani will meet regarding the
9 budget with the CFO and Borough Administrator.
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11 **Laws & Ordinances** Councilman Puzzo deferred to Mr. Toronto. Mr.
12 Toronto has spoken with Councilwoman Mitrani regarding the Ordinances for
13 the Business District. There is some reluctance on the part of Mr. Regan to
14 contact Burgiss Associates. Mr. Toronto would like to authorize Mr. Regan to
15 contact Burgiss and come to an understanding on what would be required to
16 move forward with the Ordinances needed. Mr. Toronto explained that Mr.
17 Regan needs to be able to go to Burgiss and say what “did you mean when
18 you said this” so he can prepare the necessary ordinances. Mayor Cherchi
19 requested that not only Planning Ordinance but Zoning Ordinances be
20 included in the package. Borough Administrator said the money could be
21 taken from the Smart Growth Grant, but would like an estimate on how much
22 this is going to cost.
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24 **Police** Councilman Trachtenberg reported on Police Committee meeting held
25 the previous week. Interviews were conducted and a discussion will take
26 place in Closed Session.
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28 **Fire** Councilwoman Heveran gave a report on the calls for the year. Mayor
29 Cherchi requested the amount of structure fires for the year 2004.
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31 **Ambulance** No Report
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33 **Public Works** Progress in Broad Avenue and Fort Lee intersection. The
34 Borough Engineer is designing drainage system. Need right of way clearance
35 from some of the store owners. Councilwoman Mitrani asked about the
36 embossed crosswalks. Councilman Ryan said yes, however, we may have to
37 pay some of the cost.
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39 **Real Estate and Insurance** No Report
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41 **Borough Administrator** No complaints were received regarding noise and
42 hours of operation were received in connection with the work being done at
43 the middle school. There were complaints regarding mud on Broad Avenue
44 and they have been taken care of. Mayor Cherchi reported that a street
45 sweeper has been provided by the construction company and they have been
46 cleaning the mud from Broad Avenue. In the meeting packet you will see a

1 Resolution to take care of the Storm Water Regulations this is a State mandate
2 proposal from PMK Engineers with regard to Storm Water Regulations there
3 proposal is for \$22,000. I have met with the DEP and we can do Animal
4 Waste regulations in house and that will save us about \$6,000 which bring us
5 down to \$16,600 that is partially offset by the grant we received so we are
6 now down to \$8,000 we had received an estimate of \$70,000 to be included in
7 this years budget. I have met with Martha Lieblich regarding Cross
8 Acceptance the application is completed. Burgiss had given an estimate of
9 \$3,800 to prepare but we have done it ourselves and saved the money. Budget
10 preliminaries are done need to cut \$104,000 from the "CAP". Engineering
11 have had number of meetings and trying to get the projects moving.
12 Resolution for SHARE services with the Board of Ed.

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14 **Mayor** Attending a Disaster Relief Course.

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16 Appointments Robert Robins Alternate II (Exp. 2005) (Environmental
17 Commission) Puzzo/Mitrani

18 Drew Dickson (Unexpired Term) Library Board
19 Tom Wilson Advisory Committee of the Planning
20 Board

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22 Councilwoman Mitrani questioned the Borough Administrator regarding a
23 letter received from a resident interested in buying a piece of property.
24 Borough Administrator explained what was happening.

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26 **Resolutions**

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28 A motion was made by Councilwoman Mitrani seconded by Councilman Ryan
29 to approve Resolutions 05-40 through 05-55. Roll Call Councilwoman
30 Dwarica Absent, Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, Trachtenberg
31 voted yes Resolutions approved.

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33 At this point in the meeting Mayor Church presented a plaque to Dr. Livelli
34 thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the Board of Health.

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36 **Ordinances**

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38 Introduction f Capital Surplus Ordinance 02-05 entitled:

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40 **CAPITAL SURPLUS ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA,**
41 **COUNTY OF BERGEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING**
42 **THE SUM \$5,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE ACQUISITION**
43 **OF MOBILE RADIOS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
44 **AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA**

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46 1. Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

2. Borough Administrator explained the Ordinance
A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on first reading Ordinance 02-05. Roll Call vote Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo Trachtenberg Voted Yes. Councilwoman Dwarica was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

Introduction of Ordinance 03-05 entitled:

ORDINANCE CREATING WEBSITE COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA

1. Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.
2. Mayor Cherchi gave an overview of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Trachtenberg seconded by Councilman Ryan to adopt on first reading Ordinance 03-05. Roll Call vote Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo Trachtenberg Voted Yes. Councilwoman Dwarica was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

Introduction of Ordinance 04-05 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION

1. Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.
2. Mayor Cherchi gave an overview of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilman Trachtenberg to adopt on first reading Ordinance 04-05. Roll Call vote Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo Trachtenberg Voted Yes. Councilwoman Dwarica was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

Introduction of Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance 10-02 entitled:

MULTIPLE PURPOSE BOND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH") APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$488,800 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING \$464,360 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

1. Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

1 2. Mayor Cherchi gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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3 A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran seconded by Councilman Puzzo
4 to adopt on first reading Ordinance 10-02. Roll Call vote Councilperson Heveran,
5 Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo Trachtenberg Voted Yes. Councilwoman Dwarica was
6 absent. Ordinance Introduced.
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8 Introduction of Bond Ordinance 06-03 entitled:

9 **BOND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT BY**
10 **AND IN THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF**
11 **NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF**
12 **\$488,800 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING 4464.360 IN BONDS**
13 **OR NOTED OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE**
14 **COST THEREOF.**
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16 **1. Borough Clerk read by Title**

17 **2. Borough Administrator gave an overview**

18 A motion was made by councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilmen Trachtenberg
19 To adopt on first reading Bond Ordinance 06-03. Roll Call vote Councilperson
20 Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, Trachtenberg voted yes. Councilwoman Dwarica Absent.
21 Ordinance introduced.
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23 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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25 Newsletter Councilwoman Mitrani would like to revive the newsletter a motion was
26 Made to publish a newsletter three times a year @\$3,000 for the year, by Councilwoman
27 Mitrani seconded by Councilman Ryan. All Council present voted yes motion carried
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29 Antenna Site Leasing per new Ordinance Mayor Cherchi Councilman Puzzo recused himself
30 From this discussion. Mayor Cherchi feels we should become proactive and have
31 Cell carriers look at Borough Buildings. Mayor suggested that the Real Estate and Insurance
32 Committee reviews this.
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34 **NEW BUSINESS**

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36 Car for Jack Peters referred to Personnel and Finance.
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38 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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40 None brought forth.
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42 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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44 No one spoke.
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1 **CLOSED SESSION**
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3 Motion to go into Closed Session made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Council
4 President Trachtenberg. All in favor none opposed.
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6 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to come out of Closed Session seconded
7 By Council President Trachtenberg. All in favor, none opposed.
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9 Resolution 05-56 authorizing the appointment of Eduardo Milan as Police Officer.
10 A motion was made by Council President Trachtenberg seconded by Councilman
11 Puzzo to approve Resolution 05-56 all in favor none opposed.
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13 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilman Trachtenberg all in favor
14 None opposed.
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16 Meeting Adjourned at 10:00PM
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18 As there was no further business meeting adjourned.
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20 Respectfully submitted,
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23 Fran Lehmann
24 Borough Clerk
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